These cases are processed by the Commission under Section 10(1) (f) (g) of the National Commission for Women Act and are referred to appropriate authorities such as the Police/district magistrates, for appropriate action. The Commission sponsors awareness programmes including legal literacy programmes. The Commission launched a Dahej Mukti Abhiyan in 1998 to generate awareness among the youth. It also sponsers the Tarivarik Mahila Lok Adalat' under the Legal Services Authorities Act where disputes are resolved through mediation.

The Government of India was adopted a National Policy for the Empowerment of Women. The policy reaffirms Government's commitment to deal with all forms of violence against women.

The Department of Women and Child Development and the Social Welfare Board implement information and mass education programmes linked with advocacy and legal literacy to generate public awareness about the issues concerning women and children including the evils of dowry. NGO's activist group at the grass roots and local panchayats are also involved in awareness camps.

Implementation of Domestic Lighting Programme through Solar Energy in Gujarat

1848. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic lighting programme through solar energy is under implementation in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the funding pattern of this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (c) The Ministry is implementing a country wide Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) Programme in all the states, including the State of Gujarat. Under the programme, various SPV system, including solar home lighting systems (domestic lighting systems) are

being promoted. In Gujarat the programme is being implemented through the Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA), Vadodara For the year 2001-02, a target of 1,000 solar home lighting system has been allocated to GEDA. The programme is being implemented by GEDA in the market mode by allowing direct sale of solar home lighting systems by the approved manufacturers to the beneficiaries.

The district-wise numbers of solar home lighting systems installed in Gujarat as on 28th February 2002, are given in the Statement *(See* below).

The funding pattern for this programmes for the current year provides for financial assistance from the Ministry of Rs. 5,500 per system or 50% of ex-works cost of the system, whichever is less. The state subsidy in Gujarat is Rs. 1,500 per system. The balance cost of the system is met by the beneficiary.

Statement

District-wise Installation of Solar Lighting Systems in Gujarat

(As on 28th February, 2002)

S.No.	District	Nos. Installed
1.	Gandhinagar	70
2.	Ahmedabad	212
3.	Kheda	44
4.	Vadodara	194
5.	Meshana	147
6.	Panchmahals	349
7.	Bharuch	123
8.	Sural	126
9.	Valsad	77
10.	Dangs	4
11.	Banaskantha	26

S.No.	District	Nos. Installed
12.	Sabarkantha	114
13.	Kutch	10
14.	Surendranagar	14
15.	Rajkot	11
16.	Jamnagar	4
17.	Junagadh	23
18.	Bhavnagar	64
19.	Amreli	79
20.	Anand	44
21.	Porbanadar	0
22.	Patan	14
23.	Dahod	10
24.	Narmada	91
25.	Navsari	20
	TOTAL:	1870

Central guarantees for PTC

1849. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Ministry has opposed a proposal of the Power Ministry seeking Central guarantees for the Power Trading Corporation in order to enable the latter to access the debt market and enhance its liquidity; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF' STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The issue regarding payment support to Power Trading Corporation has been discussed by the Ministry of Power with the Ministry of Finance, the concerned Union Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India and. the representatives of international financial institutions /Banks. Pursuant to these discussions, the Government is now considering a proposal for support to Power Trading